

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-XX

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE REDESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL

WHEREAS, the 2023 Legislature created a State Emblems Redesign Commission in the Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 62, Article 2, Section 118; the purpose of which is to redesign the official state flag and state seal; and

WHEREAS, the Redesign Commission was charged with bringing recommendations on the redesign to the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the official seal of the State of Minnesota has remained unchanged since 1858 and the official state flag was created in 1957 with minor modifications done in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the official state flag and seal are not only symbols of our state but also of our history and both the current official state flag and state seal contain historical information on our farming background, Native American heritage and the co-existence that is part of the rich history of our state; and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial public cost associated with making this change that does not advance the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the public reaction to the proposed designs has thus far been overwhelmingly negative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park does hereby call upon the Legislature and the Governor to reject the work of the State Emblems Redesign Commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Spring Lake Park City Council strongly encourages the Legislature and the Governor to retain the existing state seal and state flag as the official emblems for the State of Minnesota.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilmember .

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 5th day of February 2024.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator